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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 6 MEETING OF PRESIDENTS ARANA, MOLINA AND
LOPEZ IN GUATEMALA

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3843

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1. FORMIN ARENALES TOLD US TODAY THAT THE OCTOBER 6 MEETING
OF PRESIDENTS ARANA, MOLINA AND LOPEZ HAD BEEN AMIABLE BUT
HAD PRODUCED NO FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF
SALVADOR-HONDURAS DISPUTE, AND THAT PEACE TALKS WERE
CURRENTLY STALEMATED. ARENALES SAID MEETING WAS
SPONSORED BY ARANA AS PART OF CONTINUING STRATEGY OF
FOSTERING CORDIAL PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN CHIEFS OF HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN GOVERNMENTS
AS A MEANS OF FACILITATING EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTE. HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT
IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT SALVADORAN DECISION TO
PURCHASE PLANES FROM ISRAEL, A PURCHASE WHICH HE
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CONSIDERED A SERIOUS POLITICAL BLUNDER.

2. RE ZUNIGA'S "POLITICAL UNION" STORY, WE ALSO
SHARE TEGUCIGALPA'S SKEPTICISM. WHILE WE HAVE NO
DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT ARANA WOULD INDEED LIKE TO SEE SUCH
A UNION COME ABOUT SOME DAY, WE DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT
SERIOUS TALKS TOWARD THAT END ARE UNDER WAY.
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